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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME -

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner:

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ONE MONTH

In re application of:

JAMES F. MARINO et al.

Application No.:

09/469,727

Filing Date:

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For:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Asst. Commissioner of Patents to Extend the Time for response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION dated February 11, 2000 for one (1) month, from April 11, 2000 to May 11, 2000. An appropriate response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$55.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted.

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